## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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## ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I - 39-81

TO: ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
CHAIRPERSON, COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY AUDITORS
COUNTY DATA PROCESSING MANAGERS
DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
TREASURERS
COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SPAN PILOT COUNTIES

This letter is to inform you of the Counties selected to pilot the SPAN system from among the 16 counties that volunteered for pilot status. The project has spent the last four months actively analyzing the 16 counties utilizing all information available.

In order to adequately test the SPAN system and ensure its acceptability to statewide users, the Department has decided to pilot in five (5) counties. In addition, these counties will assist in training personnel from other "like" counties. The five pilot counties selected represent large, medium, small and very small counties. They are:

Large - Orange

Medium - Stanislaus County

Small - Shasta County Sutter County

Very Small - Nevada County

As you are aware, Los Angeles county's Welfare Case Management Information System/Integrated Benefit Payment System (WCMIS/IHPS) will be utilized as a base for developing the welfare component of the SPAN system. SPAN project staff will be working with Los Angeles County personnel to complete the Integrated Benefit Payment System and to hybridize the WCMIS/IHPS to the SPAN welfare system.

In October, 1981 work will begin with the initial pilot county to install the SPAN welfare system in that county. The project plans to complete installation of the SPAN welfare system in the developmental county (Los Angeles) and the five pilot counties by December, 1982. During this period, the Social Services

component will also be tested in all five pilot counties, in addition, the Child Support Enforcement component will be tested in at least one county during pilot operations. The SPAN system will begin statewide implementation in non-pilot counties in January, 1983.

If there are any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Whittaker (916) 924-2934.

Sincerely

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